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Shelving Of Jap Treaty Likely

Effect Of Latest China-U.S. Scrap

Tokyo, Jan. 15. Communist China's latest scrap with the United States will result in the shelving of plans for an early Japanese peace conference and probably will indefinitely postpone the reopening of Japan's vital trade with China, well-informed sources said here today.

Neither American nor Japanese officials would comment for publication on the ordered American diplomatic withdrawal from China but in private reaction they and one official observer here say the Communist action is a major blow to the Western unity in Far Eastern affairs and to Japan's hopes for economic recovery and independence.

FOUR POINTS

It was pointed out that the loss of all chances of early American recognition of the Peking government has

London Concerned By Communist Action Against American Property In Peking

London, Jan. 15. Communist seizure of American property in Peking has caused serious concern among top British officials, reliable sources said tonight. Meanwhile considerable haze surrounded the recent British offer extending recognition to the Chinese Communists.

British officials were already paying considerable note to criticism from other members of the Commonwealth on British recognition of Communist China, the informants said, and the new action directed at the Americans gave them additional cause for worry.

Foreign Office sources said the British Consul General in Peking has been instructed to ask the Communist Foreign Office there for a further explanation of the reply to the British offer of recognition.

The explanation, two sources said, is to belong to "negotiate" break and involves cancellation of the action.

Spokesmen at the Foreign Office declined comment in reply to the inquiry. It was given until midnight today (China time) to complete the task. It was therefore assumed in Washington that the job was completed without incident.

"VERY COURTEOUS"

Reports to the State Department from the Consul General, Mr. O. Edmund Clubb, said that the Chinese had been very courteous in their treatment of the American diplomats in the Netherlands and the French properties were set aside for American officials and to the actual occupation of the American Consulate in Peking.

The Office has forwarded to Peking an American protest over threatened seizure of U.S. property. The protest was based on earlier threats by the Communists to oust American officials and to the actual occupation of the American Consulate in Peking.

Washington, Jan. 15. A State Department spokesman said to-day American groups at Shanghai and Nanking acknowledged receiving orders to leave China as soon as possible.

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Mr. Michael J. McDermott, Department Press Officer, said it was assumed that all American officials in China "are proceeding at once on these orders and out."

However, even if Chinese authorities do separate, it is not to be expected to be at least a month, probably longer, before it is completed.

He said the source of the information was the Chinese Consulate in Peking which has been in the Embassy

Today's Weather: Fresh east winds. Cloudy, occasional light rain. Noon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1018.3 mbs, 30.07 in. Temperature, 62.0 deg. F. Dew point, 59 deg. F. Relative humidity, 92%. Wind direction, East. Wind force, 5 knots. High water: 7 ft. 9 in. at 7:38 p.m. Low water: 4 in. at 3:22 a.m. (Tuesday).

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Quirino In United States



President Elpidio Quirino of the Philippines (right, light hat) receives an enthusiastic greeting from several hundred Filipino nationals on his arrival at the San Francisco airport. He is enroute to Baltimore for medical treatment.—AP Picture.

Hongkong's Annual Racing Carnival

Results Of First Five Races

The second day of the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual racing carnival opened under threatening skies. The rain held off at Happy Valley until tiffin time, but the going was comparatively slow. Only a small crowd was present for the pre-tiffin events.

The third race in which Ann Hing beat Liberty Ship provided a photo finish. Ann Hing was adjudged the winner by a short head.

THE RESULTS

1. VALEY STAKES (One Section) Winner \$1,000. Second, \$1,000. Third, \$500. For Australian Subscription Pounds of 1950. Weight 120 lbs. Winners barred. Six furlongs.

1 Ben Crumchan (C. H. Renfrew) 150 lbs.

2 Stratipfeffer (A. Ostrumoff) 150 lbs.

3 Dumbi (H. T. Alexander) 150 lbs.

Also ran: Battleship (K. Kwock) 150 lbs. Don Pedro (G. Henner) 150 lbs. Sycamore (C. F. Ng) 150 lbs. Tarzan (Peter Young) 150 lbs.

2. Wonderful Girl (H. T. Alexander) 150 lbs.

3 Ringwood (F. Noidi) 150 lbs.

Also ran: Glamour Butterly (K. F. Chiu) 150 lbs. Leaf (W. A. N. Darkin) 150 lbs. Iron (A. Ostrumoff) 150 lbs. Lawrence (K. Renfrew) 150 lbs. Strawberry Fool (Peter Young) 150 lbs. Sangho (H. Matland) 150 lbs. Thunderjet (W. K. Shue) 150 lbs.

11 Starters. Won by Four lengths, 1½ lengths.

Time 1:25. Pari mutuel \$12.80 winner. Places 5-7-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18.

Plates 5-7-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18.

3. FORWARD VIEW (H. C. Pih) 150 lbs.

Also ran: Good Day (C. H. Renfrew) 150 lbs. Good Bay (C. F. Ng) 150 lbs. Green Velvet (K. S. Chiu) 150 lbs. Jetfire (C. F. Ng) 150 lbs. Kingfisher (H. Matland) 150 lbs. National Guard (H. T. Alexander) 150 lbs. Sans About (G. Henner) 148 lbs. Shangrala (H. R. Holgate) 149 lbs. Small Dragon (Wong Yam) 150 lbs. Speed Wheel (W. K. Shue) 150 lbs. Zephyr (Peter Young) 150 lbs.

14 Starters. Won by Many lengths, 5 lengths.

Time 1:22.4.5. Pari mutuel \$16.20 winner. Places 5-7-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18.

Plates 5-7-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18.

4. P. A. O. CEP—Presented. Winner \$2,500. Second, \$1,250. Third, \$1,000. A Handicap for Australian Ponies. Class 2. Weight less than 120 lbs. Winners barred. Six furlongs.

1 Ben Crumchan (C. H. Renfrew) 144 lbs.

2 Stratipfeffer (A. Ostrumoff) 144 lbs.

3 Dumbi (H. T. Alexander) 144 lbs.

Also ran: Belle Fontaine (H. Holgate) 144 lbs. Fury (A. Ostrumoff) 140 lbs. Jeep Shing (K. Kwock) 141 lbs. The Chief (G. Henner) 140 lbs. World Peace (H. Matland) 154 lbs.

Eight Starters. Won by Six lengths; the same.

Time 2:19.2/5. Pari mutuel \$29.30 winner. Places 11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18.

5. HONGKONG HANDICAP (First section) — Winner \$1,500. Second, \$750. Third, \$500. For Australian Ponies. Class 2. Weight 120 lbs. Post (About 1½ Miles) 170 Yards.

1 Lily (S. W. Lee) 150 lbs.

2 Pay Day (H. F. Chanson) 150 lbs.

3 Gipsy (K. S. Chiu) 139 lbs.

4 Stratipfeffer (A. Ostrumoff) 158 lbs.

5 Argus II (L. F. Miu) 146 lbs.

Also ran: Bronte (C. H. Renfrew) 139 lbs. Good Day (C. F. Ng) 150 lbs. Green Velvet (K. S. Chiu) 144 lbs. Jetfire (C. F. Ng) 139 lbs. Kingfisher (H. Matland) 150 lbs. National Guard (H. T. Alexander) 150 lbs. Sans About (G. Henner) 148 lbs. Shangrala (H. R. Holgate) 149 lbs. Small Dragon (Wong Yam) 150 lbs. Speed Wheel (W. K. Shue) 150 lbs. Zephyr (Peter Young) 150 lbs.

14 Starters. Won by Many lengths, 1½ lengths.

Time 1:03.2/5. Pari mutuel \$18.50 winner. Places 8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18.

6. NORTHERN HANDICAP. Winner \$2,000. Second, \$1,000. Third, \$750. For Australian Ponies. Class 4. Jockey Allowance. From the home ground and to About One Mile 170 Yards.

1 Ann Hing (W. M. Thomas) 149 lbs.

2 Liberty Ship (G. Renner) 147 lbs.

3 Hurricane (Wong Yam) 150 lbs.

Also ran: D Day (H. F. Chanson) 144 lbs. Good Ship (K. Kwock) 144 lbs. Popular (K. F. Chiu) 140 lbs. Prince Delight (W. F. M. Cook) 140 lbs. Seven Starters. Won by Short head; 1½ lengths.

Time 2:03.2/5. Pari mutuel \$23.00 winner. Places 11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18.

Nationalist Blockade To Be Continued

Taipei, Jan. 15.—A Nationalist Naval spokesman said today that the government has no intention to relax the blockade of Communist China, adding that any ship which seeks to duplicate the Flying Arrow's effort to break through will get the same response. The spokesman said this applies to British, American or any other vessels.

He pointed out, however, instances in the past where safe conduct had been given to ships to enter and leave Shangrala. He said that clearance for ships to go into China to bring out Americans is likely to be granted. Such a request is expected soon as a result of the State Department order instructing all Consular and other diplomatic officials to leave as soon as possible.

Staff members of the British Consulate said no instructions were sent out to the Consular officials here regarding British warships escorting British flag ships through the blockade. They said that such would come either from the home office in London or through the Royal Navy at Hongkong.

In the event that a request is made for American ships to go into Shanghai or Tientsin they are likely to be forced to meet specifications not to carry cargo in or out.—United Press.

Salvage Work On The Truculent Begins Today

Navy Finishes Inspection

London, Jan. 15.—Salvage work will begin tomorrow on the British submarine Truculent which sank in the Thames Estuary last Thursday with the loss of 64 lives after colliding with the Swedish motor tanker Divina.

The Royal Navy has finished its work of inspection.

Divers who went down to the sunken submarine found the engine room telegraph on the conning tower showing "Stop Engines." This would indicate that the submarine might have been trying to check her way after sighting the Divina and to avoid the collision.

The Divina, which was damaged by the Admiralty had Friday was refloated yesterday and sailed for Ipswich on the British east coast today.

A survivor, Dennis Griffiths, today said: "The engines had stopped for about half a minute and then the skipper shouted 'hard astern' but we had no chance to go astern."

The bows went down and the Truculent sank very smoothly, he said.

A buoy was released at 7:10 p.m. GMT, then flooding arrangements were carried out.

ORDERLY ESCAPE

"At the depth we were about 45 feet, which we could ride on the indicator. It would take about three-quarters of an hour for us to flood the compartment," he said.

The escape hatch was made ready, the conning chute lowered and the First Lieutenant who had to open the hatches was the first to leave. We left in a very orderly way. Although we had very little air the boys were joking. One had just got his

cigarettes and was offering them at three-half-pence for 20, but there were no offers.

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PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



HE HAS THE KNOW-HOW—Starting with such basic raw materials as lard tins, old hot plates and discarded vacuum cleaners, young Johnny Clive Williams, 16, of Fayette, Alabama, is setting a fast pace for future farmers. His electrical achievements on the farm have won considerable attention. He is shown here with two of his four registered Jersey cows.



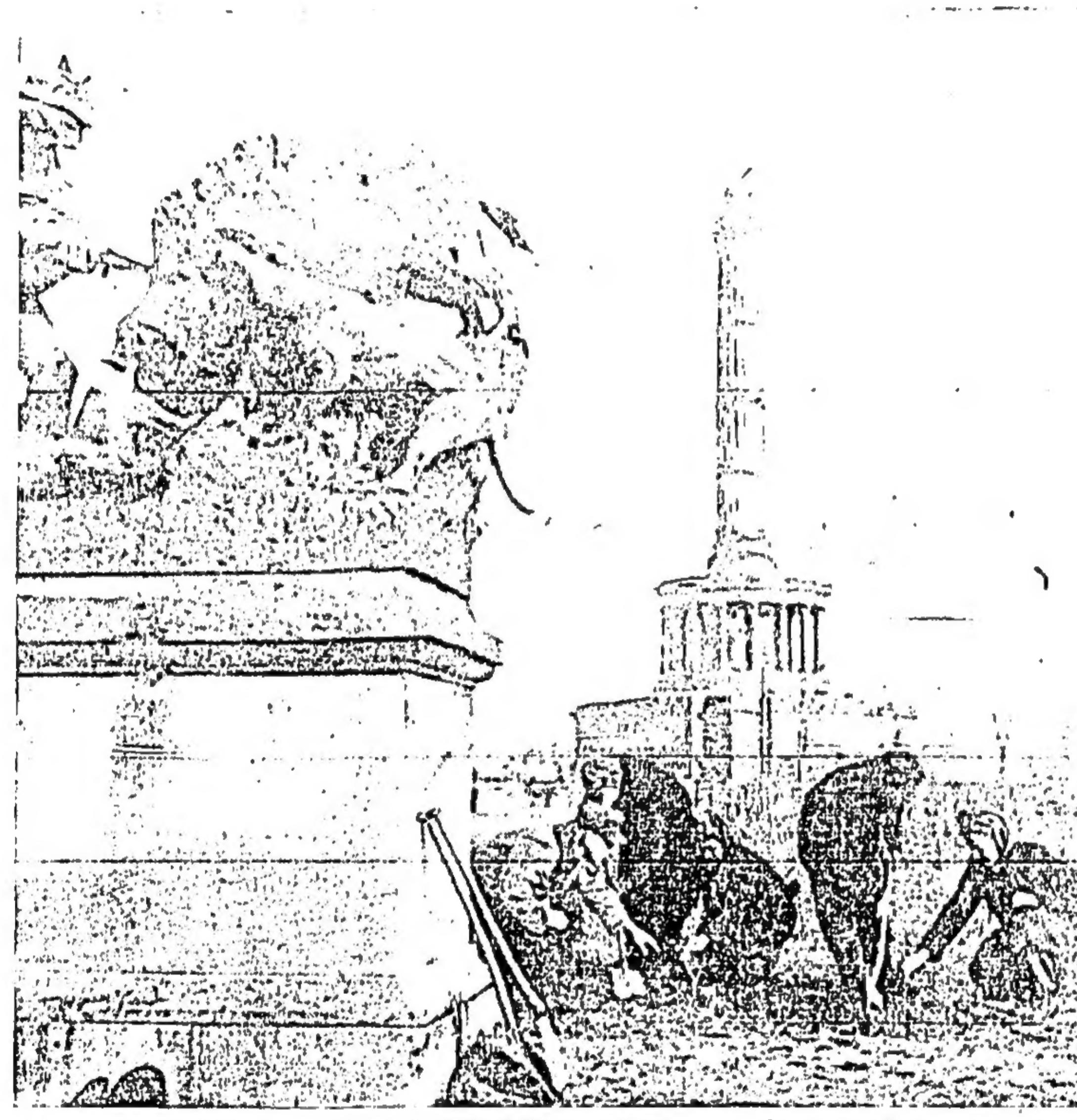
THOROUGHLY ESCORTED—Dressed in miniature uniforms of the Lancers, two youthful but soldierly pages escort this young bridesmaid to wedding in London. Their dignified bearing must indicate the great responsibility they feel.



GROWING UP—Actress Joan Crawford has been the star of many Hollywood premieres. On this occasion, she's treating two of her adopted children, Christine, left, and Christopher, to their first one in the film capital.



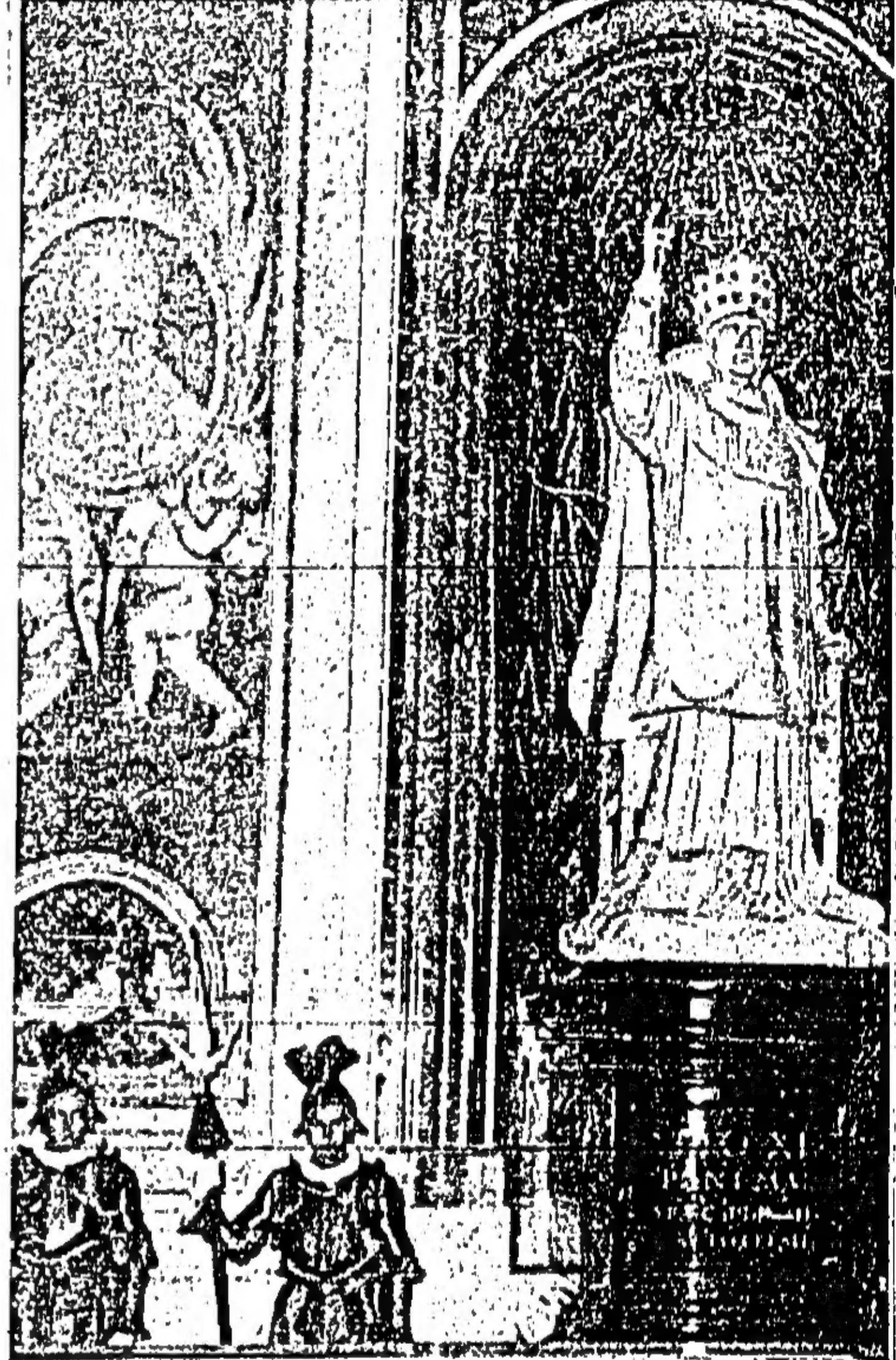
PISTOL-PACKIN' STARLET—Laura Elliott appears well-armed, in addition to being well-endowed with natural beauty. Laura's one of the busiest starlets in Hollywood, having appeared in 10 films in 15 months.



REPLANT BERLIN BATTLEGROUND—Gardeners plant small trees in the famous Tiergarten, which was destroyed during the battle for Berlin. The city of Bremen sent a gift of 30,000 oak, beech and lime trees to Berlin. In the foreground is a bullet-scarred monument depicting a wild boar hunt. In the background is a triumphal column.



RIDING HIGH—Claudette Stacey rides along the beach at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the shoulders of Tomas Sanchez. They are dressed as pirates in search of rum.



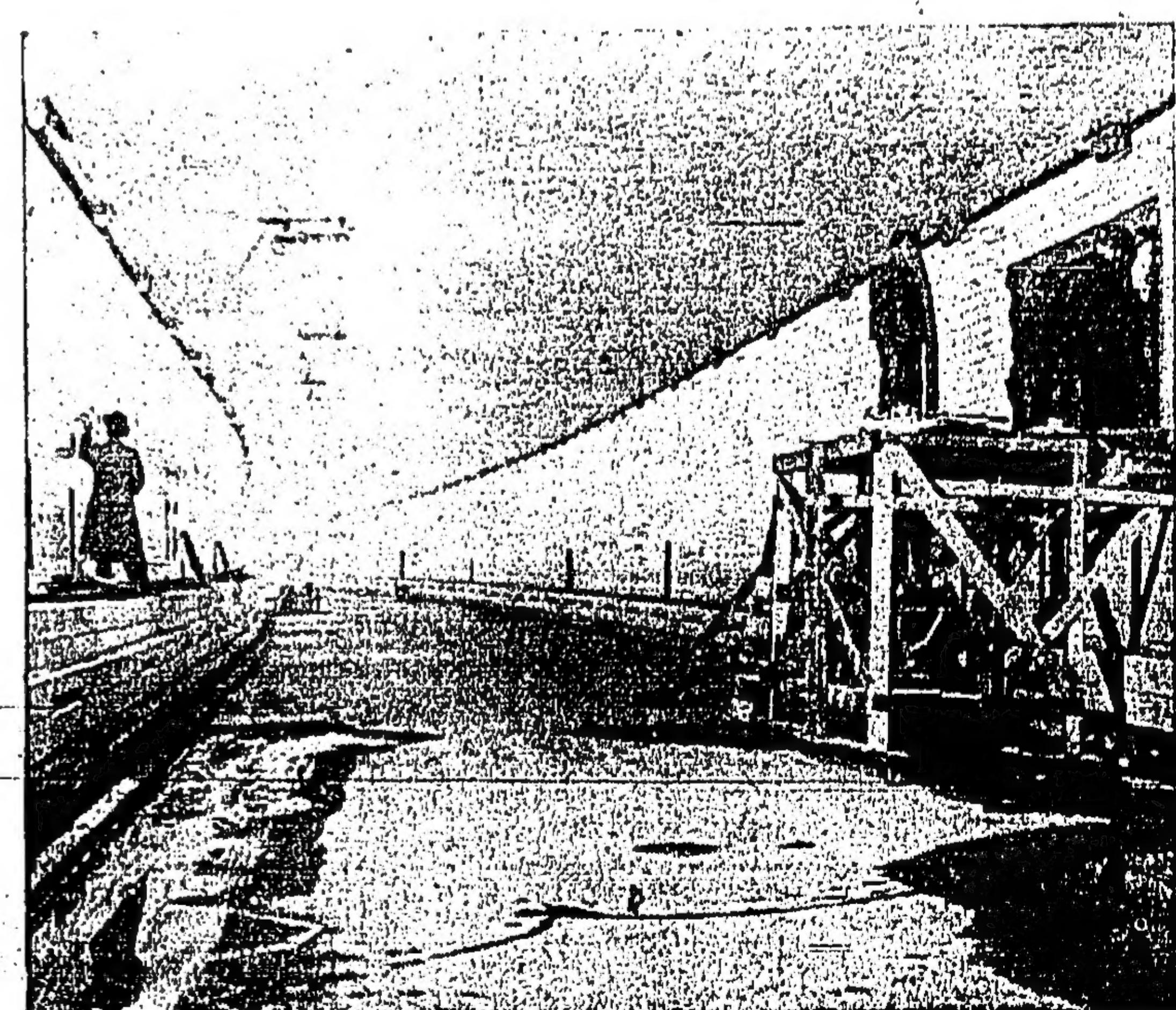
GUARDING THE STATUE—Colourful Swiss Guards stand by this 14-foot-high marble statue of Pope Pius XI in the chapel of St Sebastian in St Peter's Basilica, Rome. The statue was unveiled during a solemn ceremony attended by Pope Pius XII, who read a message of praise for his predecessor.



GUESTS AT PUPPET SHOW—These New York youngsters display a variety of moods as they watch a puppet show. The kiddies were guests at a children's party at which they were given ice cream, cake and gifts.



CONGRATULATIONS—After Margaret Truman made her first New York song recital, opera star Lauritz Melchior kissed her heartily backstage at Carnegie Hall.



FOR HAPPY MOTORISTS—The longest tile job ever undertaken in the U.S. is nearing completion in New York City's new \$80,000,000 Brooklyn-Battery tunnel. More than 780,000 square feet of tile, or enough for 6,500 average bathrooms, are being used on this job, which will be completed next spring. Here workers are putting the finishing touches on a completed portion of the tunnel.

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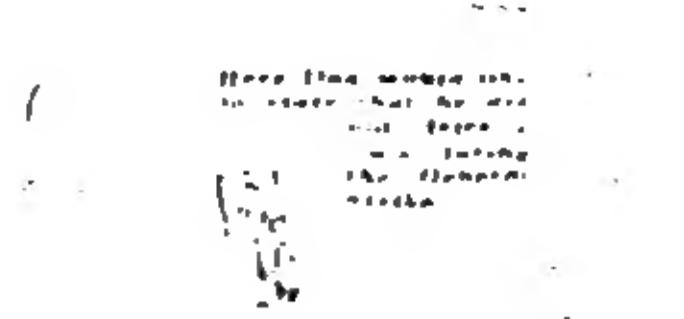
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FATHER... his changing role in the family circle

... by **STILES**



And although owing to Marching
celebrations and one thing and
another, he was not always quite
so upright, he eventually settled
down and—



Here the son is
seen in his
youthful days
and the father
is seen in his
old age.



Before long a beautiful thing
came into his life—his first son,
George.

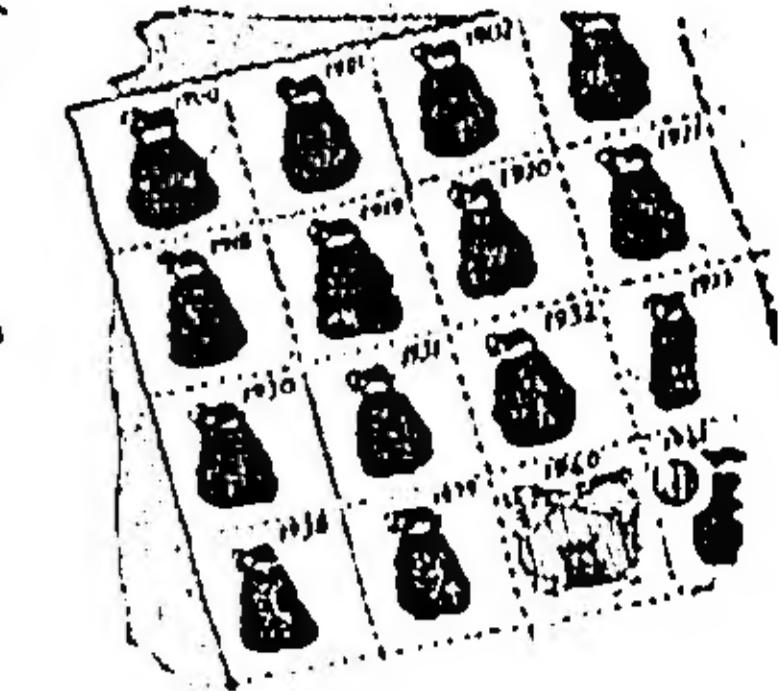


1914-18 found him winning his
first war.



1939—and here he is winning his
second war.

POSTSCRIPT



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them out and stick them in your
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London Express Service

MILTON SHULMAN, a British film critic just back in London from America, writes a report on Los Angeles

Hollywood Culture —from newsreel to trailer

LOS ANGELES is very proud of Los Angeles. It is the center of the world's motion picture industry. The city has a population of 2,000,000, and it is the second largest city in the United States. It is a great center of commerce, industry, and agriculture. Los Angeles is a city of great beauty and natural beauty.

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THOSE WICKED TORIES OF 1831 AND 1731

*Labour's clarion cry for
the Elections will be
'Let us face the past'*

by
COLM BROGAN

THIS mystery and guesswork surrounding the time and the result of the next election has now been dispelled. And we know what line the Socialists are going to take when they appeal to the country. Last time they had a stirring and patriotic factory slogan: "Let's Face the Future". This time their slogan is "Let's Face the Past".

The people are already being re-educated and the propaganda is already spreading round "Remember 1831". We must never have that again. This is the result that springs to every Socialist lip. It is the answer to all problems past, present and to come.

Nineteen hundred and thirty one was indeed a terrible year. After the election unemployment among Socialist MPs rose to ghastly proportions and famous leaders found themselves back where they started, bawling themselves hoarse in village huts and welfare institutions, while Ramsay MacDonald and Philip Snowden had not green way in the following year. There would have been wings vibrantly paid for on the green.

But things were not much better in 1731. Remember 1731? Well, if you don't, well tell you about it. As a matter of fact, nothing much happened in that year, but the Prime Minister was the most abominable of Tories. Robert Walpole.

Some fancy people might ask if Walpole was strictly speaking a Tory at all, but they may safely be disregarded. Walpole boasted a lot, he told smutty stories, and he believed in incentives. He said every man had his price. If that doesn't make him a Tory the People were writhing in vain.

No, indeed, we must never go back to 1731. It was the blackest period of Tory Misrule.

On second thoughts, that is perhaps an exaggeration. The blackest period was 1831. In that year, Charles the First, the Man of Blood, was King. He is sometimes called Charles the Martyr by ignorant people who never heard of Tolpuddle (remember Tolpuddle?), but in fact he was just a Tory with long hair and a smutty expression.

That was an appalling year. 1831. I mean The Great Reform Bill was under way, but it is scarcely conceivable, but it is a fact that in the year

1831 Charles was ruling without a Parliament at all. And The People had mostly not even got a far as writhing in those days. They were so sunk in sloth and apathy, that they thought not having a Parliament was quite a good idea.

Charles the First was much helped in his brutal designs by a man called Thomas Wentworth, who became Earl of Strafford. Wentworth's motto was "Through", so he must have been a bit like Philip Snowden. He was a Tory if ever there was one.

Then, of course, there was the Star Chamber. That was a cross between Belsen and the Inland Revenue Department. It was there that writhing began as a national pastime. It started with the few, but under the care of Socialism it has spread to the whole community. Undoubtedly, 1831 was a year that must never be forgotten.

Tory Henry VIII

So was 1531. Henry the Eighth was then King. He was an exploiter and he looked like a cartoon of a capitalist. He hanged a lot of innocent chaps who were really the forerunners of the ILP, though they weren't educated enough to be aware of the fact. He also had six wives and a number of side-kicks. It is easy enough to guess what Party he belonged to. 1531 was definitely a bad year.

If it comes to that, 1451 was no better. That was a year when... But someone is asking what this nonsense is all about. What has 1451 got to do with the problem of today? The regretful answer is "Nothing whatever."

But neither has 1931.

—(London Express Service)

BRITISH IDEAS SCOOP \$ POOL Enterprise (with capital E) makes this success story

From FREDERICK COOK in New York

WE HAVE heard a lot in the last couple of years about what is wrong with British trade in America. Now let us look at some of the things that are right about it. For many are.

While all usually tells us that only a horde of high-powered and high-salaried civil servants can expand to business men the deep secret of how to sell in America. But totally without publicity a great many business men, large and small, have been quietly doing a pretty good job of selling on their own. And they are beginning to get results. For instance:

A representative of one of England's biggest manufacturers of hot water bottles has just gone home to Yorkshire. In his pocket he took £8,000 worth of orders. Not a tremendous contribution to the dollar gap? True, but he took home also ideas on how to open the door wide now that he has his foot in it.

After two years of expensive research work, this firm devised a process of colour lithography for the production of plates with fine studies of native American birds, using the famous Audubon paintings. Distinguishing features are brilliant colouring and executive detail.

A London firm has captured a place in the competitive folding

umbrella market. Designed to fit a woman's handbag or shopping basket, the umbrella, when collapsed, measures only a foot.

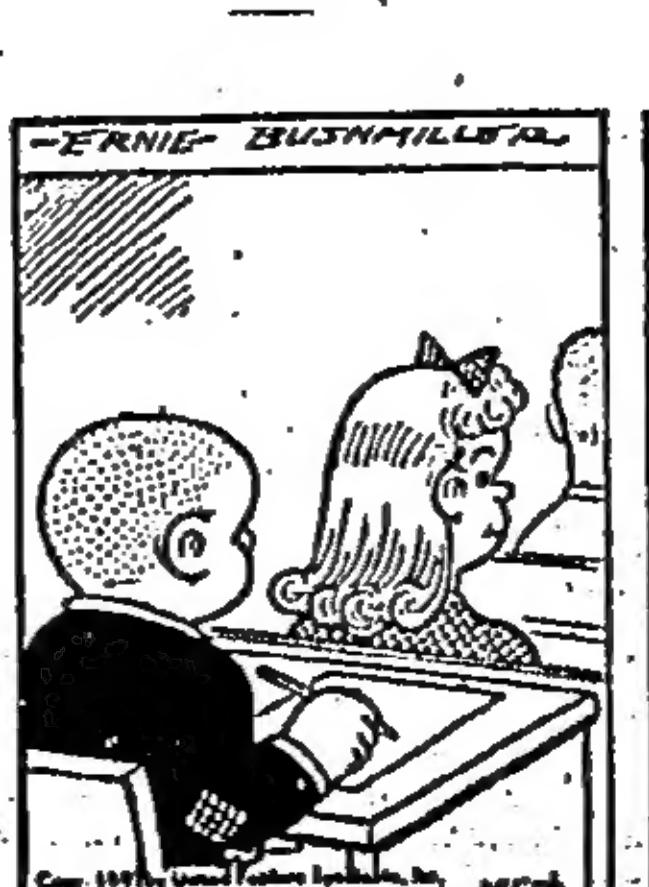
The first robot spade, which digs the garden with no effort from the gardener, has arrived on this market from Hertfordshire. It can be used also as a rake, hoe and electric drill.

Britain has sent over the smallest hearing-aid tubes in the world—three of them fit into a thimble. A thousand instruments fitted with the new tubes would use less electricity than a single 60-watt lamp.

And a tiny travelling iron—2½ in. high, 4½ in. long, weight 1lb—is offered for women. Small as it is, it will do the work of most standard irons, yet pack neatly into the corner of the suitcase.

—(London Express Service)

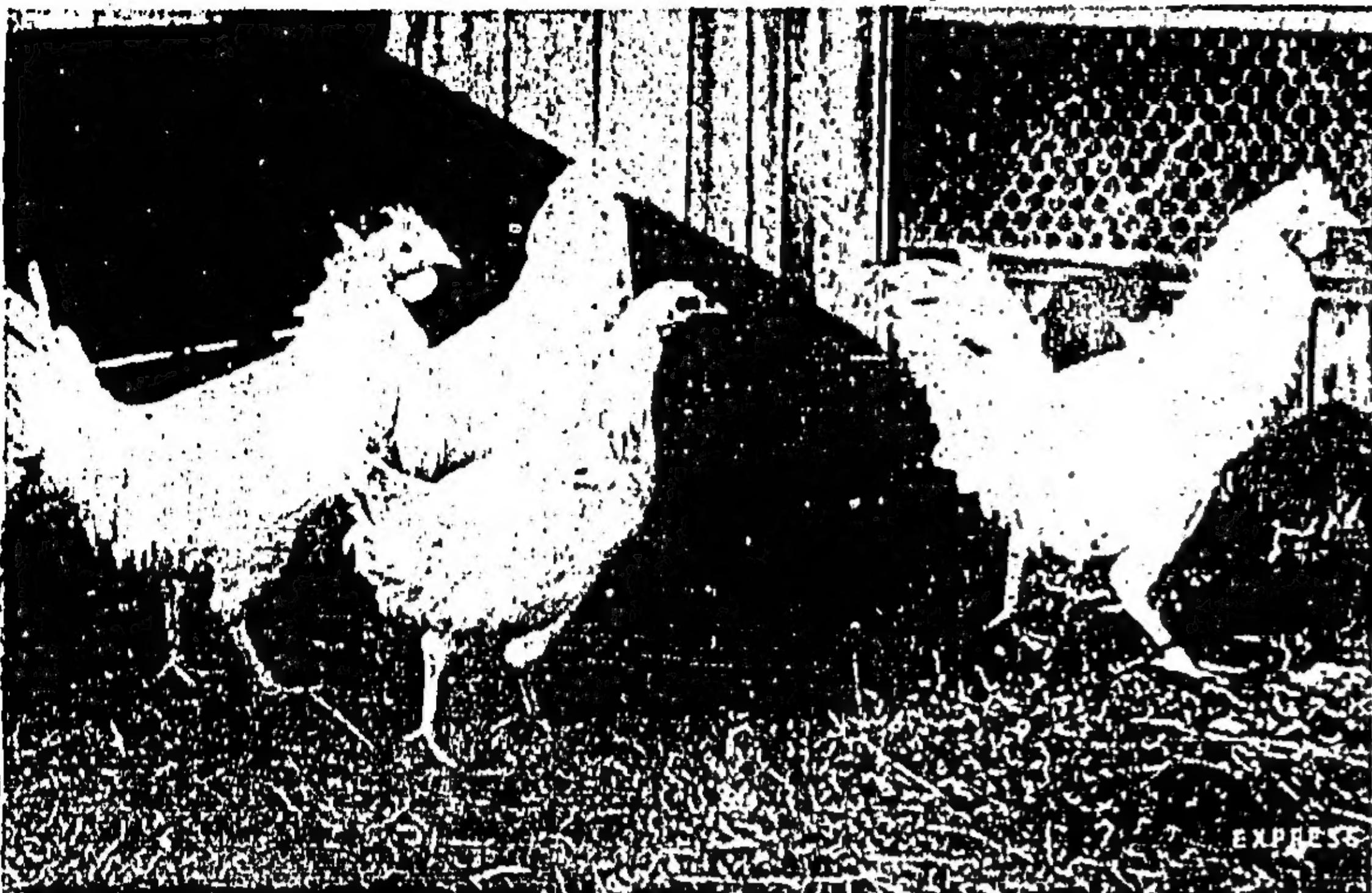
NANCY Sum Gal



By Ernie Bushmiller



Wingless Experiments



Now 19 weeks old, these wingless chickens are thriving at Newport, Shropshire. They are yellow in colour, and a little below normal weight. They were bred as an experiment.

RUSSIAN DOMINATION OF MANCHURIA INCREASING UNPOPULARITY OF USSR

BY CHANG KUO SIN

The Soviet Russians appear not to be well-liked by the Chinese people in Manchuria, which according to all reliable reports is being used as a testing ground for Soviet Communism in China. Chinese travellers from Manchuria said the people there have nicknamed the Russians "big nose," as they had nicknamed the Japanese "small nose."

They said a Communist, according to a local Manchurian cartoonist once drew many caricatures of a foreigner with a nose as large as a watermelon. The cartoonist captioned "American Big Nose Imperialist." In one of the caricatures, he forgot to insert the word "American." The Russians took offence at that, and the cartoonist is now in a training camp for retrodiction.

The Russian language has now been made compulsory in all schools in the country. One of the most ardent Communists sponsored Chinese to have their children attend one day and asked the pupils whether they felt any difference towards studying Russian than towards Japanese during the old Manchurian day. The pupils polled a big Yes but denied it was so.

Details of the Russian campaign to have accepted the rank and file of the Communist Party itself. According to the Communists, propaganda has been carried out in Manchuria to the extent that 90 percent of the population has been converted to the Communist cause. The Communists are reported to have been instrumental in some influence on the young members of the Party in Manchuria.

PARTY CONTROVERSY

For months the Chinese press has reported a series of seven articles reprinted in Nanking, New China Daily, attacking Huo Ching for his charge against Soviet Russia as being responsible towards China.

The exact extent of Soviet domination in Manchuria is hard to assess, but it must be very great, according to popular belief among informed circles, because of the Soviet control of the vital Changchun Railway and the terminal ports of Dairen and Port Arthur.

Manchuria is now designated a special area. This concession has seen a Communist map in which Manchuria was coloured differently from the rest of China. Chinese may travel to any part of China with relative freedom, but travel to Manchuria is strictly controlled. A special permit has to be obtained from the local authorities with the approval of the Manchurian Communists. Recently, the Communists in Shanghai suspended the issue of

CIVIL LIBERTY

At the start of the year, 1949, the Chinese government, who had been in power for only a short time, announced that they would be permitted to live and work in Manchuria. In fact, they are about going to work there.

Civil liberty in the western world is practically disappearing. The people have been compelled to work and produce for the state. Travellers said that the streets in most Manchurian towns are deserted except on week ends. The people being made to work all along in the factories. Travellers said the living conditions of the workers are improving but admitted they are still lower than the level in China.

The favourite Communist weapon of travel restrictions has also been clamped on the people in Manchuria. A police permit has to be obtained even for short distance travel from one village to another.

Anyone having an overnight guest at his home has to report to the Police. Even persons entering hospital for medical treatment have to do the same. In the Great Wall Pass of Shanhaikuan, the Communists at one time even laid down regulations governing what time the people should go to bed and what time they should get up. People eating at restaurants or drinking tea in cafes or conversing in two or three are questioned.

Travellers said because of the necessity of getting photographs for the many police permits, photographic shops in Mukden are doing a roaring business.—United Press.

ROSELLINI'S LOVE LIFE

Rome, Jan. 15.—The actress, Anna Magnani, star of the film "Open City," said today in a letter to a newspaper that she had rejected an offer of marriage from Roberto Rossellini, the director, before he met Ingrid Bergman.

Rossellini's 13-year marriage to Marcella de Marchi was nullified yesterday leaving him free to marry Miss Bergman. Marcella was reported yesterday as saying that she was willing to free him to wed Ingrid but would not have done so if he had wed Anna.—Reuter.

BRIGHT NOTE IN GREAT BRITAIN'S HEALTH PICTURE

London, Jan. 15.—Indications of the success of Britain's National Health Scheme was afforded by the publication on January 5 of the Registrar-General's Quarterly Return, covering England and Wales.

Brightest note in the picture was the record-making decrease in stillbirth and infant mortality rates in the September quarter of 1949. Deaths of children less than one year old numbered 4,886, or 26 per 1,000 births. The previous record was set in the same period of 1948, with 5,614 deaths, a rate of 28 per 1,000 births.

Similarly, stillbirths hit a record low of 4,104 (21.9 per 1,000), compared with

the previous lowest rate of 4,447 (22.7 per 1,000) in the September quarter of 1948.

The live birth rate went down slightly. Figures show that 163,276 babies were born alive in the September quarter, which gives 16.6 per 1,000 total population, compared with 17.5, 20 and 19.8 in the same quarter of the preceding three years.

Of these births, five percent were illegitimate, nearly the same as the 5.3 percent figure for 1948.

Deaths in England and Wales in the quarter totalled 101,207,

somewhat lower than in previous years, but the population increase, 82,071, was definitely less than the figures for 1947 and 1948 (119,400, and 90,313 respectively).

SICKNESS RATE

The sickness rate of people reviewed for the report was high. Of the men questioned, 62 percent had been ill at some time in May and 42 percent of them had consulted doctors. The women reported nearly the same 73 percent had been ill, and 43 percent went to the doctor.

No comparative figures were given for calls on physicians before inauguration of the National Health Scheme in July, 1948.

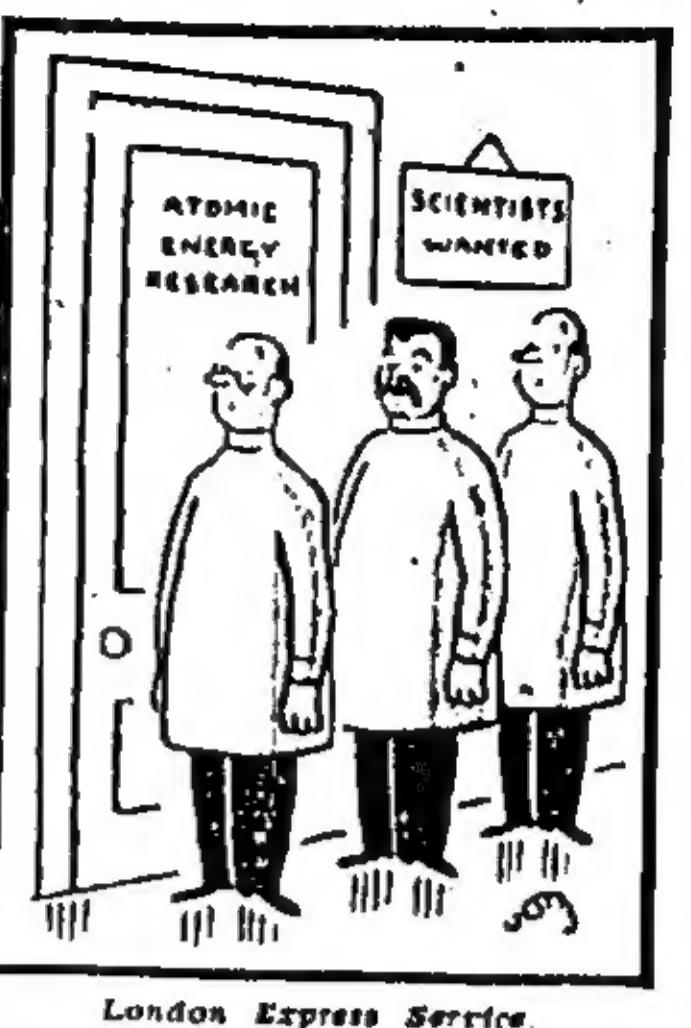
In England and Wales, 6,130 more people married each other in the September quarter of 1949 than for the average of the preceding five years.

The marriage rate of 20.6 persons per 1,000 total population.

When this figure is compared with the death rate of 9.2 per 1,000 even if it is divided by 100 to give 10.3 marriages per 1,000 it sounds an encouraging picture for the future increase in Englishmen and Welshmen in the world United Press.

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Indonesians Attacked By Russians

London, Jan. 15.—Izvestia, the Soviet Government newspaper, today declared that to combat the mounting liberation movement in Indonesia, American imperialism reckoned on using both the Dutch armed forces and the "reactionary" Hatta-Sukarno group.

The paper, quoted in a Tass report received in London, said that it was from this aspect that one should regard President Sukarno's recent statement that the Dutch colonial army would be merged into the armed forces of the United States of Indonesia.

In other words, Hatta's troops will be put under the absolute control of the Dutch command.

The commentator said that the false self-determination Indonesia had acquired at The Hague round table conference failed to dupe the Indonesians, who with the Liberals had the largest share in the outgoing Government.

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WAFFIST OPPOSITION IS SPLIT

Cairo, Jan. 16.—Egypt's new Wafdist-dominated Chamber of Deputies will have no combined Opposition when it assembles here tomorrow, it became apparent tonight.

Hussein Heykal Pasha, leader of the Liberal Constitutional Party, which with 26 seats is one of the strong Opposition groups, told colleagues that the Party had decided to conduct its opposition to Nadas Pasha's Wafdist Government on a separate line from the Sandists.

The aim of this policy, he said, was "in the best interests of the nation without any distinction."

Heykal Pasha put the blame for the consequences of the previous Cabinet's policy on the Sandists, who with the Liberals had the largest share in the outgoing Government.

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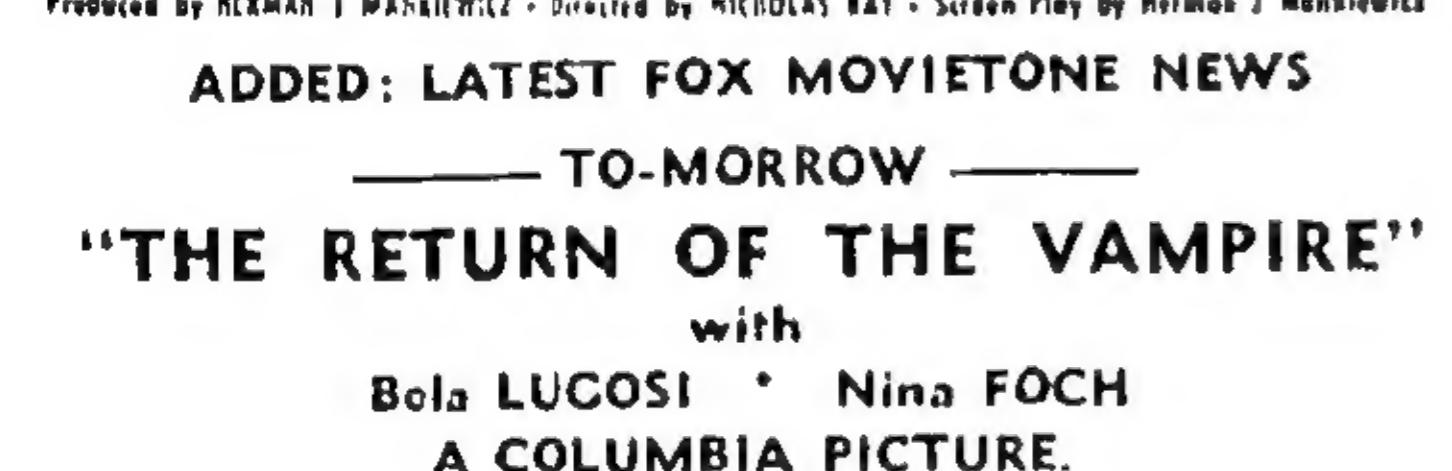
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Must fashion go back to 1927 knee-length horrors?

by SUSAN DEACON

London

WE are being told that women's dress will be influenced mainly by the 1927 look. I can't think why!

There was never a fashion more unkind to women than the straight knee-length skirt and flat-bosomed silhouette of the late '20s.

Fashion designers searching for a "New Look" should look elsewhere for their inspiration.

The 1949 look has settled down why distort it?

The mid-calf hemline, slightly padded shoulders, and straight skirts are elegant, and for most women easy to wear.

Our waists and bustlines are in the right place and we're comfortable.

Even an up-to-date version of the 1927 look with a higher waistline, would be unattractive.

London

As accessories to this fashion trend I hear that the plain court shoe, too, must go and that shoes will be pointed, buckled and strapped.

Pendant earrings reaching almost to shoulder length will take the place of the pearl half-rings and small drops, and doubtless, to complete the flapper look, will be the long cigarette holder and the shingle.

Watch for sales snags

There are some bargains to be found in women's clothes in the January sales, but remember that all reductions are not genuine, so examine clothes carefully before you buy them.

Search the trade signs for new styles, examine the cost of the garment, make sure that the belt is not double, the button-sides fraying, or that the colour is faded.

Decorations in woollen dress materials are not big. Utility or low-grade from wool are likely to be more scarce in 1950 than the older price is asked.

Although nylon stockings will still be scarce in the early part of 1950, there will be more dresses made from nylon material in the shops, made from waffle and ribbed nylon in attractive colours.

It seems expensive for summer dresses, but the washability and quick drying properties of the clothes soften the blow.

(London Express Service)



London

Not Only At Christmas!

By G. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

MOST parents have adopted the practice of giving away toy gifts at once after their young children at Christmas and rarely saving them, and other family things, except perhaps, on their birthdays, till the following Christmas. So, generally, there is a new toy to be had for most of the year. In consequence, the youngest may not have enough playthings for most months in the year but

one intends to one's punctiliousness. This light cosmetic can be used for removing make-up. Turn the face is washed with warm water and a bland soap, and rub gently and the massage cream is applied to remain on over night.

The longer a cream remains on, the better and more far-reaching are the results. The teeth come to love it, laps it up, looks fresh and colourful in the morning.

There are skins that rebel against soap and only cosmetics as well. One must, under these circumstances, clean the face with a cosmetic meal sprinkled on a moist wash cloth. Or there's a new deep down cleansing cream that might solve the problem.

Certainly, it is wise to "feed one's face." Women who started early in life to use beauty aids are the ones who keep looking youthful.

London

HONGKONG MENUS

Our cookery expert, Mrs. Ida Bailey Allen, has prepared for her readers some Hongkong menus which her friend, Mr. L. G. Shreve, an ECA official in China, suggested. The first of these will be featured in her department tomorrow.

so many of them at Christmas as not to appreciate them fully or get much value from them.

Many a child is harmed, big and small, at Christmas time from getting so many playthings all at once. He may play from one toy to another and grow scatter-brained. He is less careful with them than he would be if he had but a few.

After your child has been examined, all his playthings, persuade him to let you put a few of them in storage. If he is under three or four you might easily spirit some of them away.

Looking toward the future, begin now on a plan to purchase new toys one at a time throughout the year. The total amount you will need to spend on playthings added gradually need not be any greater than the annual amount you have been spending.

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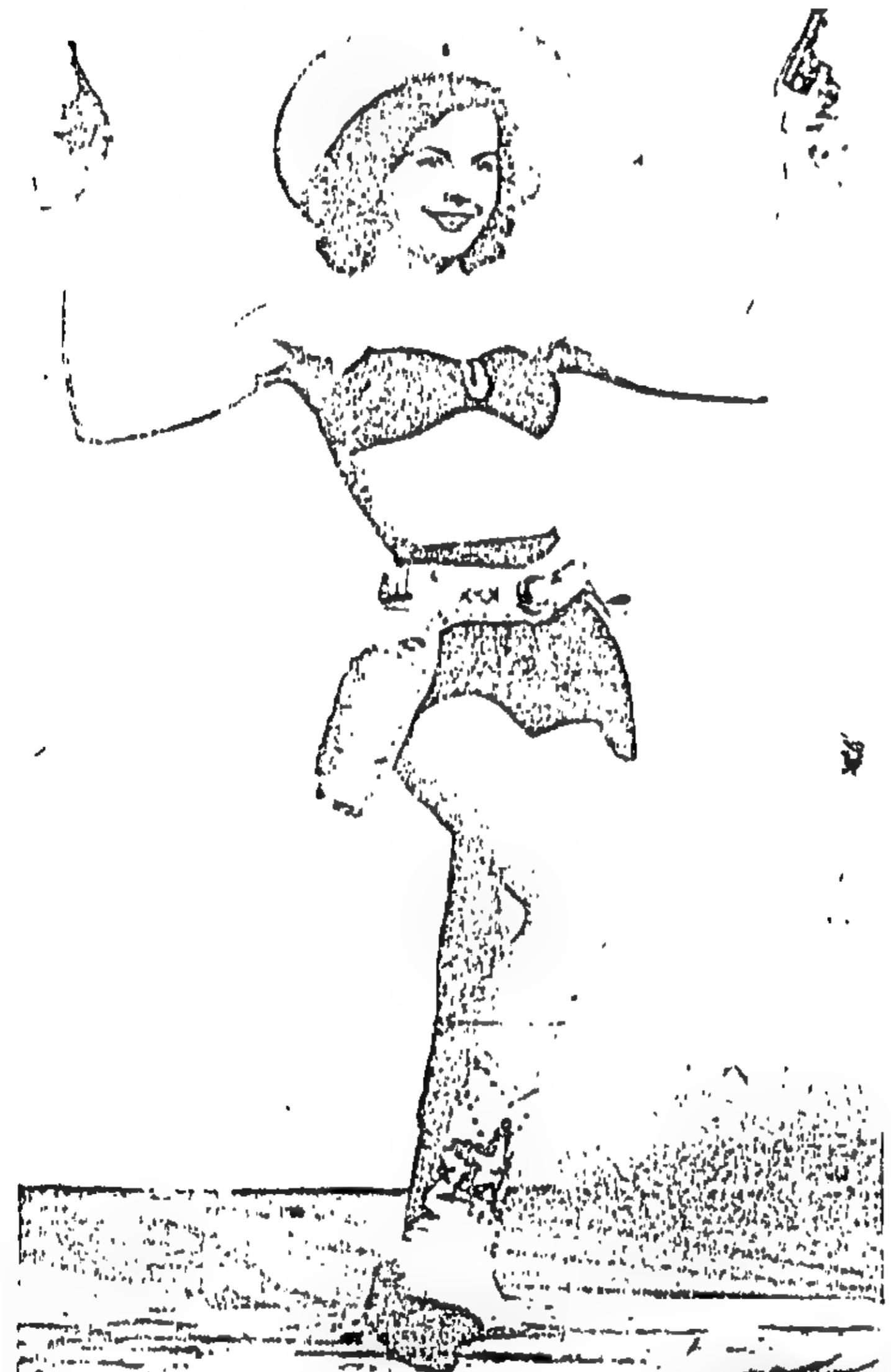
HE HAS THE KNOW-HOW—Starting with such basic raw materials as lard tins, old hot plates and discarded vacuum cleaners, young Johnny Clive Williams, 16, of Fayette, Alabama, is setting a fast pace for future farmers. His electrical achievements on the farm have won considerable attention. He is shown here with two of his four registered Jersey cows.



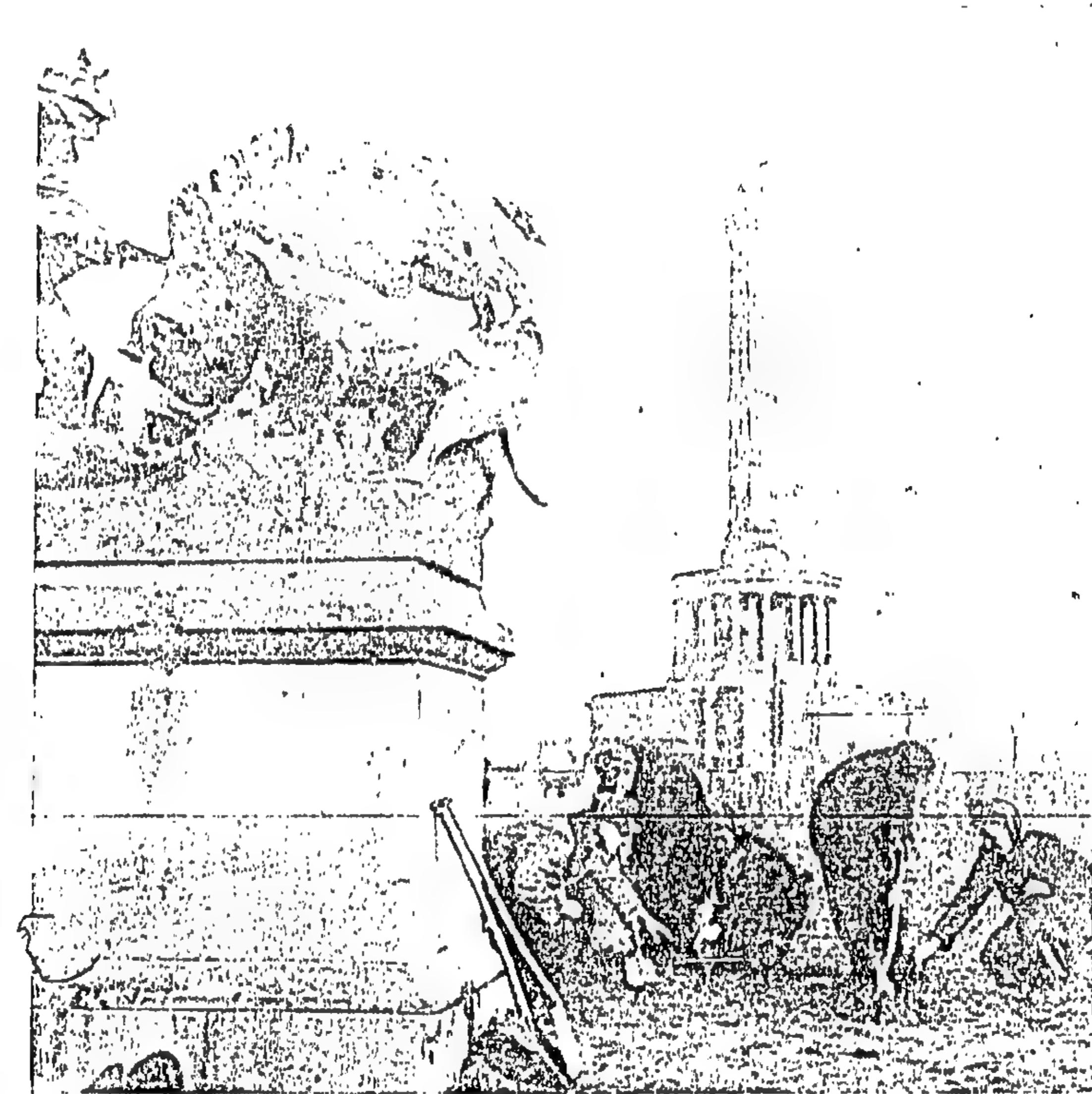
THOROUGHLY ESCORTED — Dressed in miniature uniforms of the Lancers, two youthful but soldierly pages escort this young bridesmaid to a wedding in London. Their dignified bearing must indicate the great responsibility they feel.



GROWING UP—Actress Joan Crawford has been the star of many Hollywood premieres. On this occasion, she's treating two of her adopted children, Christine, left, and Christopher, to their first one in the film capital.



PISTOL-PACKIN' STARLET—Laura Elliott appears well-armed, in addition to being well-endowed with natural beauty. Laura's one of the busiest starlets in Hollywood, having appeared in 10 films in 15 months.



REPLANT BERLIN BATTLEGROUND — Gardeners plant small trees in the famous Tiergarten, which was destroyed during the battle for Berlin. The city of Bremen sent a gift of 30,000 oak, beech and lime trees to Berlin. In the foreground is a bullet-scarred monument depicting a wild boar hunt. In the background is a triumphal column.



RIDING HIGH—Claudette Colbert rides along the beach at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the shoulders of Tomas Sanchez. They are dressed as pirates in search of rum.



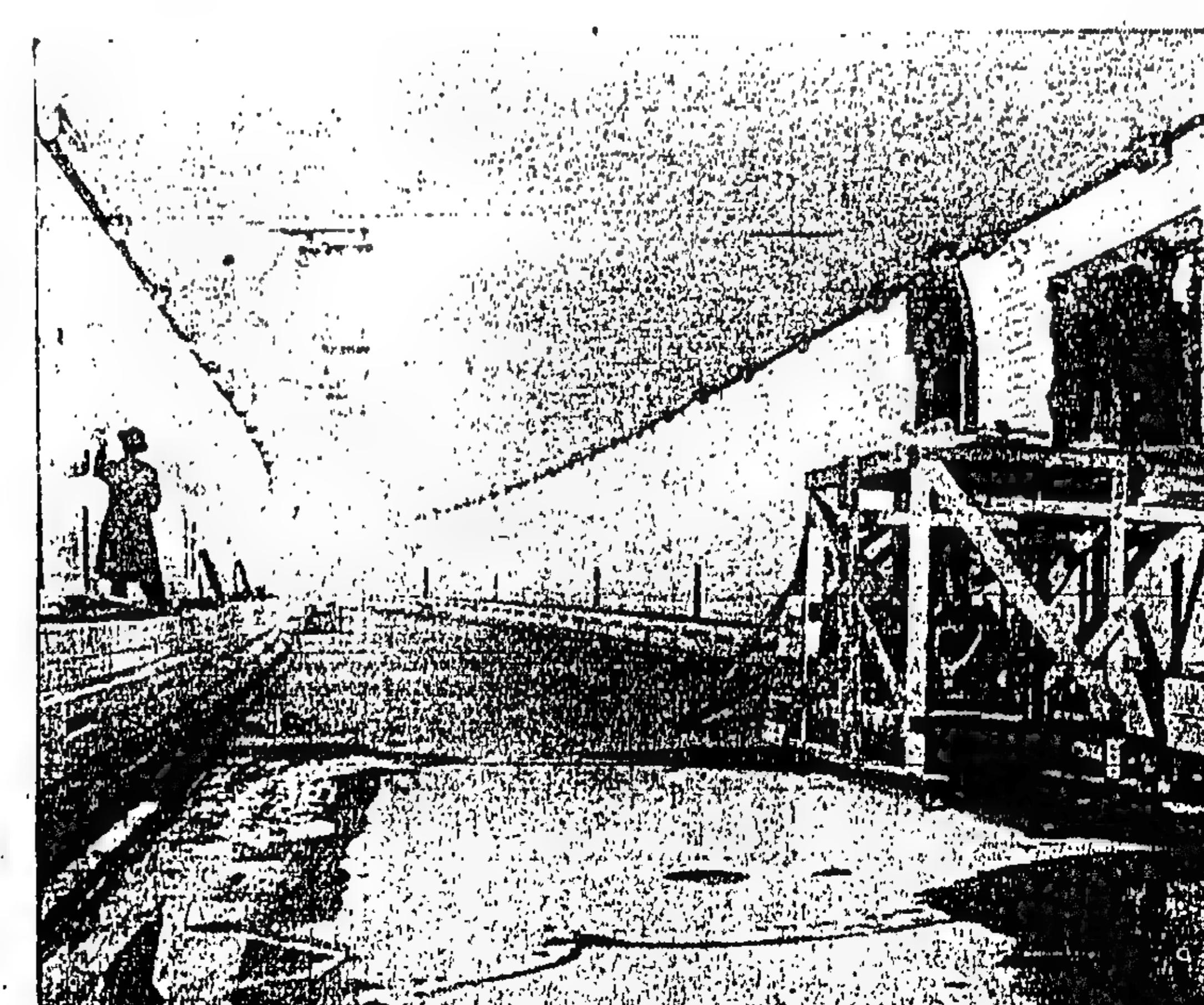
GUARDING THE STATUE—Colourful Swiss Guards stand by this 14-foot-high marble statue of Pope Pius XI in the chapel of St Sebastian in St Peter's Basilica, Rome. The statue was unveiled during a solemn ceremony attended by Pope Pius XII, who read a message of praise for his predecessor.



GUESTS AT PUPPET SHOW—These New York youngsters display a variety of moods as they watch a puppet show. The kiddies were guests at a children's party at which they were given ice cream, cake and gifts.



CONGRATULATIONS—After Margaret Truman made her first New York song recital, opera star Lauritz Melchior kissed her heartily backstage at Carnegie Hall.



FOR HAPPY MOTORISTS—The longest tile job ever undertaken in the U.S. is nearing completion in New York City's new \$80,000,000 Brooklyn-Battery tunnel. More than 780,000 square feet of tile, or enough for 6,500 average bathrooms, are being used on this job, which will be completed next spring. Here workers are putting the finishing touches on a completed portion of the tunnel.

"No Question Of Anti-Communist Plan" At Colombo

NEHRU INTERVIEWED ON HOMEWARD TRIP

Nagpur, Jan. 15.—The Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, indicated here today that while South-east Asian problems loomed large at the Colombo Conference of Commonwealth Ministers, there was no question of any joint defence plan against Communist aggression being visualised by it.

Making the first Ministerial comment since the Conference disbanded yesterday, Pandit Nehru told reporters at Nagpur Airport: "We did not even discuss it."

There was no question of any joint defence plan between India and the other members of the Commonwealth, he said. A joint defence plan was not even considered at the Conference. A joint defence plan in the development of South-east Asia was not even considered, and there was no question of it.

Asked if the Conference had decided on a common policy of defence against Communism, Pandit Nehru referred to the fact that the communists' attack on the members of the Conference was the main factor. Pandit Nehru said: "We did not even discuss it. We did not even propose that they should do anything. We did not even propose that they should do anything."

He said: "One of the main factors of the Conference was to industrialise South-east Asia, and was to interest countries in the development of South-east Asia. A commitment was not made."

NO COMMITMENT

Asked if India had any commitment to defend South-east Asia, Pandit Nehru said: "No, we did not make any commitment."

Unofficial Plebiscite In Cyprus

Nicosia, Jan. 15.—The first man to sign today the unofficial plebiscite demanding the union of Cyprus with Greece was the 80-year-old Archimandrite of Cyprus.

The plebiscite was organised by the Greek Orthodox Church to provide south pressure on Cyprus with the aim of uniting Cyprus with Greece.

An archbishop Makarios was reported from Cyprus on Friday after the anti-British vote of that year. He returned in 1946 and was elected Archimandrite year later.

First indications today were that the poll would be held on January 22, when counting will start. Official results are due to be announced by the clergy at mass meetings in January 29.

CHURCH BELLS PEAL

Church bells pealed all day today as the Greek adult population was collected under the supervision of priests and Church committees. The votes entered in family groups and signed after bowing and crossing themselves before the altar.

Many of the illiterate older voters were accompanied by their grand-children, who signed on their behalf before they attached their thumb mark in support of their choice.

British troops have been told to stay in their camps throughout today. Police were alerted, but up to this afternoon there have been no incidents.

Copies of the plebiscite forms will be sent to the Greek and British Governments and the Secretariat of the United Nations.—Reuter.

RELIEF FLEET ON WAY

Santiago, Jan. 15.—Radio dispatches from the Chilean base in North Graham Land reported that the weather had been favourable and the Chilean relief fleet was expected to arrive there tomorrow morning. The fleet was crossing Bransfield Strait under clear skies and moderate weather at midday today, dispatches received by the Army radio here reported. Either the Iquique or the Lientur or both will attempt to relieve the British scientists on Stonington Island after relieving the Chilean base group. The transport Maipo remained at Soverania Bay in the South Shetland Islands, from where the Iquique and Lientur departed for Graham Land.—United Press.

Experts Probe "Poison-Arrow" Theory



Monique, 20-year-old heiress-wife of Don John Carlos da Silva Ramos, son of a former Brazilian consul at Biarritz, who was recently found dead in France. Paris experts believe she may have been killed by curare, the poison used on arrow-tips by South American Indians. Monique's husband (right) is being held by the police.

India's 'Iron Man' Has 5-Year Plan

Calcutta, Jan. 15.—The Deputy Prime Minister of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, today urged all Indians to "work together for the next five years" to make India strong and prosperous.

He said: "We must work together to make India strong and prosperous."

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